



Commissioners of St. Mary's County
April 27, 2021
Briefing on Comprehensive Plan
Update



The State requires periodic updates to a county's adopted comprehensive plan.

In acknowledgment of the demographic data that will become available following the 2020 Census:

The update to the St. Mary's County comprehensive plan is due in 2024.



St. Mary's County has adopted six comprehensive plans:

- 1967
- 1974 (1977 and 1978)
- 1988
- 1999
- 2002
- 2010
- Lexington Park 2016



By State law, the Planning Commission prepares the Comprehensive Plan

- Commissioners of St. Mary's County adopt
- Public participation is encouraged throughout the process.



The State requires 12 visions in the plan

- Quality of Life and Sustainability
- Public Participation
- Growth Areas
- Community Design
- Infrastructure
- Transportation



- Housing
- Economic Development
- Environmental Protection
- Resource Conservation
- Stewardship
- Implementation



Nine required elements

- Water Resources Element
- Sensitive Area Element
- Priority Preservation Area Element
- Land Use Plan and Growth Management Element



- Transportation Plan Element
- Public Facilities Element
- Housing Element
- Human Services Element
- Economic Element



Components of Public Participation

- Resident volunteers with an interest in the process and the outcome will be encouraged to participate
- Interested residents, as individuals or representing stakeholder groups, will be asked to review element drafts and make recommendations



- Department heads or designees will be subject matter experts and help facilitate the discussions for the elements
- Requesting the CSMC input on residents to be added to the contact list to participate in the element and general plan discussions



To be added to the Contact List
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Thank you.